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Written Testimony

I am an active animal advocate and volunteer daily within the community by providing direct, hands-on assistance to the houseless community with dogs, the financially destitute and those with dogs who are victims of domestic violence. I strongly support Bill 22 and believe that this is a very clear and common-sense approach to expanding access of affordable spay and neuter services within the community.

Bill 22 is also the most compassionate solution in addressing the reduction of feral cats on Oahu by offering the \$10 option. Additionally, this helps to decrease the numbers of feral cats that will take up space in holding before being euthanized due to them being unadoptable. Many cats within feral colonies are discovered to be dumped or lost housecats that were owned by someone who broke the law by allowing their intact cat to roam free. By expanding access to the more affordable certificates it increases the number of community members that will be able to have their pet spayed or neutered. I am especially pleased to know that Bill 22 would make it mandatory for 1/3 of the Neuter Now program budget to be dedicated for this to ensure it's success and longevity to help many animals on Oahu.

This bill also allows community members to become more involved and be a part of a solution to help stop the over population of unwanted, stray and feral animals here. When access to \$10 feral fixes, \$20 Spays/Neuters for Medicaid, Section 8 recipients and those in low-income housing, it will not only benefit dogs and cats, it will help many families.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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